



The Daily Bulletin: 2021-04-19

PUBLIC/HOUSE BILLS

H 243 (2021-2022) [UNC LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES/COVID-19 IMPACTS](#). Filed Mar 9 2021, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE EFFICIENCY AND FLEXIBILITY TO THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA TO ADDRESS BUDGETARY AND OTHER IMPACTS OF COVID-19 THROUGH TEMPORARY SALARY REDUCTIONS, EARLY RETIREMENT INCENTIVES, REDUCTION IN FORCE APPROVAL AUTHORITY, AND AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE STATE HEALTH PLAN PREMIUM PAYMENTS FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES PLACED ON EMERGENCY TEMPORARY FURLOUGHS.*

Senate amendment makes the following changes to the 4th edition.

Part I.

Amends Section 1 of the act to change the sunset of the authority granted to the UNC President or, if delegated, a chancellor to temporarily reduce UNC System employee salaries from December 31, 2022, to December 31, 2021.

Intro. by Hardister, Hurley, Pickett, Terry.

GS 116

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Education, Higher Education, Employment and Retirement, Government, Budget/Appropriations, Public Safety and Emergency Management, State Agencies, UNC System, State Government, State Personnel, Health and Human Services, Health, Health Insurance

H 593 (2021-2022) [FORSYTH SENIOR SERVICES FACILITY FUNDS](#). Filed Apr 19 2021, *AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO SENIOR SERVICES, INC., TO EXPAND THE ELIZABETH AND TAB WILLIAMS ADULT DAY CENTER INTO A ONE-OF-A-KIND INTERGENERATIONAL CENTER FOR ARTS AND WELLNESS.*

Includes whereas clauses. Appropriates \$3 million for 2021-22 and \$2 million for 2022-23 from the General Fund to Senior Services, Inc. to build a new and expanded Williams Adult Day Care Center for programming for older adults living with dementia. Effective July 1, 2021.

Intro. by Lambeth, Zenger, Zachary, A. Baker.

APPROP, Forsyth

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Government, Budget/Appropriations, Health and Human Services, Health, Nonprofits

H 594 (2021-2022) [TRAVELING ANIMALS/PUB. SAFETY PROTECTION ACT](#). Filed Apr 19 2021, *AN ACT TO ENACT THE TRAVELING ANIMAL AND PUBLIC SAFETY PROTECTION ACT.*

Titles the act the "Traveling Animal and Safety Protection Act." States 14 legislative findings.

Enacts new Article 2A, *Use of Exotic or Wild Animals in Traveling Acts*, to GS Chapter 19A, providing the following. Prohibits any person from causing a performance of or allowing for the participation of an exotic or wild animal in a *traveling animal act*, defined as a performance with one or more animals that transports the animals from place to place in a mobile housing facility (as defined) for the purpose of participation in the performance. Defines *exotic or wild animal* as 20 identified taxa and their hybrids, regardless of whether the animal was captured from the wild or bred in captivity. Defines *causing a*

performance to include providing, arranging for, sponsoring, or obtaining financial benefit from the use of an exotic or wild animal in a traveling animal act. Defines *performance* to include any act, circus, ride, carnival, display, exhibition, parade, petting zoo, race, or similar undertaking in which animals are required to perform tricks, give rides, participate in photographic opportunities, or serve as an accompaniment for the entertainment or amusement or other benefit of an audience. Establishes five exemptions, including using an exotic or wildlife animal in an exhibition at a nonmobile, permanent, accredited institution, facility, zoo or aquarium, an exhibition at a wildlife sanctuary (as defined), or an environmental education program (as defined) meeting specified mobile housing facility restrictions and accreditation or licensing standards.

Makes violations a Class 2 misdemeanor. Provide for enforcement by wildlife protectors of the Wildlife Resources Commission, sheriffs and deputy sheriffs, and other law enforcement officers with general subject matter jurisdiction. Grants wildlife protectors the same powers granted in Article 13 (*Jurisdiction of Conservation Agencies*), GS Chapter 113 to enforce the new Article.

Effective January 1, 2022.

Intro. by Ball, Harrison, John, Fisher.

[GS 19A](#)

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[Animals, Courts/Judiciary, Criminal Justice, Criminal Law and Procedure, Environment, Government, Cultural Resources and Museums](#)

H 595 (2021-2022) [HYGIENE PRODUCT SALES TAX EXEMPTION](#). Filed Apr 19 2021, *AN ACT TO EXEMPT CERTAIN HYGIENE PRODUCTS FROM SALES TAX*.

Amends GS 105-164.13 to exclude from sales tax feminine hygiene products, as now defined under GS 105-164.3. Applies to sales made on or after October 1, 2021.

Intro. by von Haefen, Dahle, Butler, Belk.

[GS 105](#)

[View summary](#)

[Government, Tax, Health and Human Services, Health](#)

H 596 (2021-2022) [HEALTHY FAMILIES & WORKPLACES/PAID SICK DAYS](#). Filed Apr 19 2021, *AN ACT PROVIDING FOR HEALTHY FAMILIES AND HEALTHY WORKPLACES BY ENSURING THAT ALL WORKERS HAVE EARNED PAID SICK DAYS TO ADDRESS THEIR OWN HEALTH NEEDS AND THE HEALTH NEEDS OF THEIR FAMILIES*.

Identical to [S 457](#), filed 4/1/21.

Enacts new Article 3A of GS Chapter 95, to be cited as the Healthy Families and Healthy Workplaces Act (HFHW Act). Denotes that state public policy in promoting the general welfare of the people of North Carolina requires the enactment of new Article 3A under the police power of the state.

Provides definitions for the following terms as used in the HFHW Act: (1) child, (2) domestic violence, (3) employ, (4) employee, (5) employer, (6) federal act, (7) health care provider, (8) immediate family member, (9) paid sick time or paid sick days, (10) parent, (11) sexual assault, (12) stalking, and (13) small business.

Provides that the proposed HFHW Act does not apply to (1) bona fide volunteers in an organization where an employer-employee relationship does not exist or (2) any person who is exempt from the Wage and Hour Act under GS 95-25.14(a)(2) through (8), GS 95-25.14(b), GS 95-25.14 (b1), GS 95-25.14(c), and GS 95-25.14(e). Makes an exception regarding domestic workers, providing that they are exempt only if they are employed in the place of residence of their employer.

Provides that paid sick time begins to accrue at the start of employment at a rate of one hour of paid sick time for every 30 hours worked. Provides additional guidelines regarding discretionary advancement of sick time by the employer, limits on the amount of paid sick time accrued, and the accrual of paid sick time when there is a separation of employment followed by a rehiring by the same employer. Provides that with the exception of the specified exemptions to the proposed HFHW Act, any

employee who works in North Carolina and who must be absent from work for the reasons delineated in proposed new GS 95-31.5(a) is entitled to paid sick time.

Directs that paid sick time is to be provided by an employer to an employee who meets any of the following reasons listed in proposed new GS 95-31.5: (1) to care for a member of the employee's immediate family suffering from health issues or to care for the employee's own health, unless the care is covered under federal law or (2) absence necessary due to the circumstances resulting from the employee or an immediate family member of the employee being a victim of stalking or domestic violence or sexual violence if leave allows the employee or family member to obtain: medical attention needed to recover from physical or psychological injury or disability caused by stalking or domestic violence or sexual violence, services from a designated domestic violence agency or other victim services organization, psychological or other counseling, relocation, or legal services. Permits the employer to require certification of the qualifying health issue or event when a paid sick time period covers more than three consecutive work days. Provides guidelines for determining what may be deemed acceptable certification. Provides that an employer may not require certification from a health care provider that is employed by the employer. Prohibits an employer from requiring the disclosure of details relating to domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, or an employee's medical condition as a condition of providing paid sick time to an employee. Directs an employer to treat as confidential any information that the employer acquires about the employee or the employee's immediate family regarding domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, or health conditions. Prohibits the employer from requiring an employee to secure a replacement worker as a condition of providing sick time under the proposed HFHW Act. Directs the employee to make a good faith effort, when the use of sick time is foreseeable, to provide the employer with advance notice. States that this act provides minimum requirements regarding paid sick time and should not be construed to limit, preempt, or otherwise affect other applicability of law, regulation, or policy that extends additional or greater protections to employees, nor should this proposed act be construed to discourage employers from adopting more generous paid sick time policies. Provides that employers already offering a paid sick time policy do not have to modify that policy providing that the paid sick time policy currently in place offers an employee, at his or her discretion, the option to take paid sick time that is equivalent to the amount and for the same purposes offered under the proposed HFHW Act.

Requires employers to provide notice to employees, in Spanish and English, of their entitlement to paid sick time as well as other related information. Notice may be provided by supplying each employee with a notice in Spanish and English or by conspicuously displaying a poster in the place of employment in both languages. Prohibits employers from retaliating against employees who request or use paid sick time. Provides that an employee has a right to file a complaint with the Commissioner of Labor (Commissioner) or in the General Court of Justice if an employer (1) denies an employee paid sick time or (2) retaliates against an employee for requesting or taking paid sick time.

Authorizes the Commissioner to enforce and administer the provisions of the proposed HFHW Act. Provides criteria regarding an employer's liability for a violation under the proposed HFHW Act, including provisions for the potential awarding of liquidated damages for a violation of the act. Directs that actions under the proposed HFHW Act must be brought within two years pursuant to GS 1-53. Also provides that the rights and remedies created under the HFHW Act are supplementary to all existing common law and statutory rights and remedies. Directs the Commissioner to adopt rules to implement the proposed act. Provides that the provisions of the proposed act are severable.

Makes conforming changes to GS 95-241(a).

Contains a number of whereas clauses.

Effective July 1, 2021, and applies only to covered employment on or after that date and does not apply to any collective bargaining agreement entered into before July 1, 2021, still in effect on that date.

Intro. by Fisher, K. Smith, Harrison, Brown.

GS 95

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**Employment and Retirement, Health and Human Services,
Health**

H 597 (2021-2022) **NC PAID FAMILY LEAVE INSURANCE ACT**. Filed Apr 19 2021, *AN ACT TO ENACT THE NORTH CAROLINA PAID FAMILY LEAVE INSURANCE ACT*.

Identical to S 564, filed 4/6/21.

Enacts new GS Chapter 96A, to be cited as the "North Carolina Paid Family Leave Insurance Act." Sets forth 15 defined terms applicable to the Chapter. Deems family and medical leave benefits provided under the terms of the Chapter payable beginning January 1, 2023, to covered individuals, defined as any person who submits an application and meets the monetary eligibility criteria set forth in GS 96-14.1(b) (regarding unemployment benefit claims) or is self-employed, elects coverage, and meets the requirements of new GS 96A-13, and meets the administrative requirements of the new Chapter and rules adopted thereunder, who meet one of five requirements, including: (1) is caring for a new child during the first year after birth, adoption, or child placement; (2) is caring for a family member with a serious health condition; (3) has a serious health condition; (4) is caring for a covered service member, as defined, who is the covered individual's next of kin or other family member; and (5) because of any qualifying exigency leave (as defined) arising out of the fact that the family member of the covered individual is on active duty or has been notified of an impending call or order to active duty in the Armed Forces. Defines family member, next of kin, and serious health condition. Specifies maximum duration of benefits based on eligibility requirement, ranging from 12 weeks to 26 weeks. Provides for payment within two weeks of filing a claim and every two weeks thereafter. Details parameters regarding the determination of payment amounts, with the maximum benefit permitted to be 100% of the statewide average weekly wage, and the minimum benefit set at \$100 per week, unless the covered individual's average weekly wage is less than the amount of that full wage. Bars payment for less than eight hours of leave taken in one work week.

Beginning on January 1, 2022, requires an employer to remit contributions to the Paid Family and Medical Leave Fund (Fund), at a rate annually fixed by the Assistant Secretary of the Division of Employment Security (DES). Provides for the setting of contribution rates for 2022 and 2023, and 2024 and subsequent years. Defines employer to include individuals, partnerships, associations, corporations, business trusts, legal representatives, any organized group, the State, political subdivisions of the State and any State or local agency or government instrumentality; excludes the federal government. Requires self-employed individuals electing coverage to make employer contributions as specified. Bars deducting more than 50% of the contribution required from that employee's wages.

Authorizes the covered individual to opt to take paid family and medical leave on an intermittent or reduced leave schedule with prorated benefits, subject to total leave permitted by the Chapter, employer operations, and notice requirements.

Provides for the covered individual's restoration by the employer to the position held by the covered individual upon expiration of family and medical leave as when the leave commenced, or a position with equivalent seniority, status, employment benefits, pay, and other terms and conditions of employment. Requires employers to maintain health benefits the covered individual had prior to leave for the leave duration, with the covered individual required to continue required applicable contributions. Details employer liability for violation of these protection provisions, including damages for compensation denied or lost with interest and liquidated damages, or actual monetary losses sustained up to a sum of 12 weeks of wages or salary of the employee, and equitable relief. Allows for an action for damages to be brought in any federal or State court by one or more employees against an employer for or on behalf of the employees or the employees and others similarly situated. Provides for the award of costs of the action, such as reasonable attorneys' fees and expert witness fees. Establishes a two year statute of limitations, with a three year statute of limitations for willful violations.

Bars prohibiting the exercise of or interfering with the exercise of rights protected by the Chapter. Prohibits retaliatory personnel actions or otherwise discriminating against a person for exercising protected rights under the Chapter. Includes a non-exhaustive list of rights protected under the Chapter to which the anti-retaliation provisions apply. Prohibits employers from counting leave taken under the Chapter as an absence that can lead to or result in an adverse employment action. Makes these provisions applicable to persons who allege violations in good faith. Provides for the liability provisions regarding employment protections to apply to the anti-retaliation provisions.

Provides for concurrent leave under the federal Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA). Provides for concurrent or coordinated payments and leave for disability or family care leave under a collective bargaining agreement or employer policy subject to written notice. Provides for the effect of such agreements and policy on an individual's rights and an employer's duties under the Chapter.

Provides for notice by the employer upon hiring and annually thereafter and when leave under the Chapter is requested or anticipated, stating rights and terms under the Chapter, benefit amounts, benefit procedures, Chapter protections, and rights to bring an action or file a complaint. Also requires posting of the notice in languages specified. Authorizes the Assistant Secretary to adopt rules establishing additional notice requirements. Requires employees to provide notice to their employer as soon as practicable of their intention to take leave under the Chapter.

Directs the Assistant Secretary to establish a system for appeal of denied leave under the Chapter. Provides for judicial review of leave benefits after an aggrieved party has exhausted administrative remedies established by the Assistant Secretary. Directs the Assistant Secretary to implement confidentiality procedures for claims filed and appeals taken.

Mandates disqualification from benefits for a period of one year for willfully falsifying or misrepresenting material facts or willfully failing to report a material fact to obtain Chapter benefits. Provides for DES to seek repayment of benefits resulting from material misrepresentation or claim rejection following benefit payment. Authorizes the Assistant Secretary to waive all or some of the amount where recovery would be against equity or good conscience.

Requires self-employed persons electing coverage to do so for an initial period of at least three years, effective upon filing written notice with the Assistant Secretary and agreeing to supply necessary income information. Provides for coverage withdrawal by self-employed persons.

Directs DES to establish and administer a family and medical leave insurance program and collect employer contributions under the Chapter. Requires DES to begin receiving and paying Chapter claims by January 1, 2023. Provides for application content and procedures. Requires DES to notify an employer within five business days of a claim filed under the Chapter. Provides for information sharing subject to the individual's consent. Deems files and records of individuals under the Chapter confidential, with the individual or authorized representative authorized to review the records or receive information from the records upon presentation of the individual's signed authorization. Directs the Department of Commerce to adopt necessary implementing rules for the Chapter.

Provides for notice upon filing a claim if the IRS determined benefits to be subject to federal income tax.

Creates the Fund within the custody of DES solely to pay Chapter benefits, with expenditure authority restricted to the Assistant Secretary or a designee. Authorizes investment actions with excess funds by DES.

Establishes an annual reporting requirement for DES to report to the NCGA, beginning January 1, 2024, on projected and actual program participation by leave purpose, gender of the beneficiary, premium rates, fund balances, outreach efforts, and family members for whom leave was taken to provide care, as applicable.

Directs DES to conduct a public education campaign, with outreach information available in specified languages.

Encourages DES to use State data collection and technology to the extent possible and to integrate the program with existing State policies.

Includes a severability clause.

Requires implementing rules to be adopted by October 1, 2021.

Intro. by Meyer, Clemmons, Reives, Quick.

[GS 96A](#)

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[Business and Commerce, Courts/Judiciary, Civil, Civil Law, Employment and Retirement, Government, State Agencies, Department of Commerce, Local Government, Health and Human Services, Health, Social Services, Public Assistance, Military and Veteran's Affairs](#)

H 598 (2021-2022) [RESTITUTION/SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF MINOR](#). Filed Apr 19 2021, *AN ACT TO CLARIFY RESTITUTION FOR SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR*.

Enacts GS 14-190.17B, requiring courts to order restitution for first, second, or third degree sexual exploitation of a minor offenses (set forth in GS 14-190.16, 14-190.17, and 14-190.17A, respectively). Also requires courts to order a defendant who viewed child pornography and has been convicted of first, second, or third degree sexual exploitation of a minor to make restitution. Directs the court to determine the full amount of the victim's losses for costs incurred as a proximate result of the offense, including applicable injuries and damages described in GS 15A-1340.35 (*Basis for restitution*); medical services relating to physical, psychiatric, or psychological care; physical and occupational therapy or rehabilitation; transportation, temporary housing, and childcare expenses; loss of income; litigation costs; and other relevant losses incurred by the victim.

Provides for apportionment when more than one defendant contributed to the losses of the victim. Allows for the defendant to petition the court to amend the order upon showing the victim has received restitution in the full amount of the victim's determined losses. Allows the court to require the victim to provide information for amounts paid in other cases for the same losses. Provides for the statute to supersede Article 81C, GS Chapter 15A (governing restitution in criminal cases), in case of conflict. Applies to orders for restitution entered on or after December 1, 2021.

Intro. by Davis.

GS 14

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Courts/Judiciary, Criminal Justice, Criminal Law and Procedure

H 599 (2021-2022) [VETS/MIL. FREE ADMISSION STATE ATTRACTIONS](#). Filed Apr 19 2021, *AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES TO PROVIDE ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS AND VETERANS FREE ADMISSION TO STATE ATTRACTIONS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT.*

Directs the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (DNCR) to not charge an admission fee for any State attraction it administers for State residents who are active military service members or veterans of the US Armed Forces, as defined. Authorizes DNCR to require proof of such identification and designate acceptable forms of identification for verification. Further directs DNCR to charge a discounted admission fee for immediate family members of an active military service member or a veteran, provided DNCR discounts the admission fee for an immediate family member currently. Effective July 1, 2021.

Intro. by Davis, Cleveland, Faircloth, Potts.

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Government, Cultural Resources and Museums, State Agencies, Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (formerly Dept. of Cultural Resources), Military and Veteran's Affairs

H 600 (2021-2022) [CLARIFY OCCANEECHI BAND OF SAPONI NATION](#). Filed Apr 19 2021, *AN ACT AMENDING THE STATE RECOGNITION OF THE OCCANEECHI BAND OF THE SAPONI NATION OF NORTH CAROLINA.*

Amends GS 71A-7.2 recognizing the Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation in North Carolina as an American Indian tribe with a recognized tribal governing body and as eligible for special Federal programs and services for Native Americans.

Intro. by Graham, Riddell, Hurtado.

GS 71A

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Government, State Government

H 601` (2021-2022) [FUNDS/INDIAN AFFAIRS COMM. ASST DIRECTOR](#). Filed Apr 19 2021, *AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO CREATE AN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR POSITION FOR THE COMMISSION OF INDIAN AFFAIRS.*

Appropriates \$55,000 in recurring funds from the General Fund to the Department of Administration, NC State Commission of Indian Affairs in each year of the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium to fund an Assistant Director position within the Commission. Effective July 1, 2021.

Intro. by Graham.

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Government, Budget/Appropriations, Cultural Resources and Museums, State Agencies, Department of Administration

H 602 (2021-2022) [UNC LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES/HR/REPORTS](#). Filed Apr 19 2021, *AN ACT TO EXEMPT FINANCE, BUSINESS OFFICE, AND AUDITOR PROFESSIONALS FROM MOST PROVISIONS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA HUMAN RESOURCES ACT, TO CONSOLIDATE AND ELIMINATE CERTAIN REPORTS, AND TO MAKE CHANGES FOR IN-STATE TUITION FOR VETERANS TO COMPLY WITH FEDERAL LAW.*

Part I.

Expands GS 126-5(c1) to exempt finance professionals, business office professionals, and auditor professionals, of the University of North Carolina (UNC) from the provisions of GS Chapter 126 (the NC Human Resources Act), except for Articles 6 and 7, which govern equal employment and opportunity and confidentiality of personnel records, respectively.

Part II.

Eliminates and modifies a variety of reporting by UNC as follows.

Repeals required reporting by specified schools of medicine and State-operated health professional schools of their plans for residents to enter primary care disciplines, reach goals set by the Board of Governors (BOG) for graduates entering primary care disciplines, or increase the percentage of graduates entering clinical programs and careers in primary care, as specified, to the BOG, as set forth in GS 143-613. Beginning April of 2022, requires the BOG to certify data on graduates, their residencies and clinical training programs, and subsequent careers by April 15 of each calendar year (was, November 15) to the specified NCGA division and committee.

Amends GS 143C-9-4 to exclude UNC from the Office of State Budget and Management's biennial report on fees charged by State entities.

Amends GS 116-11, adding to the required content of the BOG's annual report to the specified NCGA committees and divisions regarding necessary actions and adjustments to budgetary policies, regulations and standards resulting from the Current Operations Appropriations Act for the administration and operation of UNC and the distribution of State and federal funds to constituent institutions. Now requires inclusion of (1) the total amount of mandatory student fee revenue collected by institution and fee type; (2) any source of student auxiliary revenue that represents greater than 10% of the overall student auxiliary revenue by institution and revenue type; and (3) any source of sales revenue that represents greater than 10% of the overall sales revenue by institution and sales revenue type.

Revises the reporting requirement of the UNC System Office (previously, known as the General Administration of UNC) under Section 10 of SL 2011-185. Now requires the System Office to annually report, beginning July 1, 2021, to the House Homeland Security, Military, and Veterans Affairs Committee (was, the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee and House and Senate Appropriations Subcommittees on Health and Human Services) on research collaborations addressing the behavioral health problems and challenges facing military personnel, veterans, and their families.

Repeals UNC's reporting requirements under GS 116-74.21(c) (regarding a determination of the number of school administrators to be trained in school administrator programs based on supply and demand), GS 116-41.32 (regarding Future Teachers of North Carolina), and Section 9.7(c) of SL 2008-107 (regarding the UNC-NCCCS 2+2 E-Learning Initiative). Revises GS 116-11(12d) to require the BOG to provide a comprehensive annual report on educator preparation efforts at UNC, including information on educator education and recruitment initiatives to improve educator quality, student success measures, and strategic research and related efforts, by October 15, to the specified NCGA committee, with a copy of the report provided to the State Board of Education (was, focused on teacher education efforts, and due annually by April 15 to the NCGA committee and the State Board).

Repeals GS 66-58(h), which requires UNC institutions and entities to consult with the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations before issuing debt or executing a contract for a golf course or for any transient accommodations facility, including a hotel or motel.

Prohibits requiring the UNC System Office from annually reporting to the specified NCGA committee on the use of funds from the UNC President's Strategic Initiative Reserve. Requires the UNC System Office to instead make the information available upon request to the NCGA Fiscal Research Division.

Repeals GS 116-30.7, which requires biennial reporting by the UNC System Office of enrollment growth for UNC.

Modifies Section 1.2 of SL 2010-148 to no longer require UNC and its constituent institutions to annually report its projects let without a performance or payment bond and their defaults to the specified NCGA committee.

Enacts new subsection (e) to GS 143-133.1 to prohibit requiring UNC to report to the Secretary of Administration upon contracting with a construction manager at risk, design-builder, or private developer under a public-private partnership as required by subsection (a), and exempts UNC from the Secretary's rules adopted to implement subsection (a). Directs the BOG to adopt rules to implement the statute for UNC, including the format and frequency of reporting, with constituent institution annually reporting the information required in subsection (a) to the BOG and within 12 months of beneficial occupancy of the project, the Secretary of Administration, in accordance with subsection (c).

Part III.

Amends GS 116-143.3A, which provides for in-State tuition for veterans and their dependents for enrollment in an institution of higher education, to the extent required by specified federal law, without satisfying the 12-month residency requirements, if the individual meets specified criteria. Eliminates subsection (d), which provides for continued eligibility for in-State tuition if the individual remains continuously enrolled after the expiration of the three-year period following discharge as described in specified federal law.

Intro. by Hardister, Pickett, Arp, K. Smith.

UNCODIFIED, [GS 66](#), [GS 116](#), [GS 126](#), [GS 143](#), [GS 143C](#)

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[Education](#), [Elementary and Secondary Education](#), [Higher Education](#), [Employment and Retirement](#), [Government](#), [State Agencies](#), [UNC System](#), [State Government](#), [State Personnel](#), [Health and Human Services](#), [Health](#), [Health Care Facilities and Providers](#), [Military and Veteran's Affairs](#)

H 603 (2021-2022) [STATE OF STATE](#). Filed Apr 19 2021, *A JOINT RESOLUTION INVITING HIS EXCELLENCY, GOVERNOR ROY COOPER, TO ADDRESS A JOINT SESSION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATE.*

As title indicates; schedules the joint session for 7:00 P.M. on April 26, 2021.

Intro. by D. Hall.

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[Government](#), [General Assembly](#), [State Government](#), [Executive](#)

H 604 (2021-2022) [REQUIRE SAFETY CALL/CHILD CARE FACILITIES](#). Filed Apr 19 2021, *AN ACT TO REQUIRE CHILD CARE FACILITIES TO CONDUCT MORNING SAFETY CALLS FOR ABSENT CHILDREN TO ENSURE CHILD SAFETY.*

Amends Article 7 of Chapter 110 of the General Statutes (Child Care Facilities) to add GS 110-102.1B directing the Department of Health and Human Services to require child care facilities to implement morning safety calls to parents/guardians of children age 5 and under who are absent without notice, to make parents/guardians aware of the morning safety call process, and to keep a log of morning safety calls.

Intro. by Davis.

[GS 110](#)

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[Education](#), [Preschool](#), [Government](#), [State Agencies](#), [Department of Health and Human Services](#), [Health and Human Services](#), [Social Services](#), [Child Welfare](#)

H 605 (2021-2022) [VOTERS RIGHT TO KNOW ACT](#). Filed Apr 19 2021, *AN ACT TO EQUIP VOTERS WITH RESOURCES AND INFORMATION ABOUT THE VOTING PROCESS PRIOR TO ENTERING THE VOTING PLACE.*

Adds the following requirements to GS 163-166.7A, which provides for voter education regarding elections involving candidates for federal or State office. Requires the State Board of Elections (State Board) to ensure a placard is prominently displayed at the entrance of each voting place during all hours the site is open for on-stop absentee voting and on election day containing information on the right to vote and how to vote, specific to that election. Specifies minimum required information of the placards, such as the right to vote a provisional official ballot and a statement indicating that voters can bring voting guides and information materials inside the voting booth. Makes technical changes.

Enacts GS 163-307 requiring county boards of elections to post the voter education information required in GS 163-166.7A(a), subject to State Board approval, and the State Board to ensure placement of an informational placard with information required in GS 163-166.7A(c), as enacted, at voting sites for elections held for any municipality, special district, or school administrative unit, as specified.

Adds the following to GS 163-22, regarding State Board powers and duties. Requires the State Board to establish and maintain a webpage with a list of frequently asked questions and answers regarding voting rights, including applicable deadlines and time frames, with required review and updating at least 90 days before the beginning of each voting period and on an as-needed basis. Requires the State Board to establish a toll-free phone number for voting questions which must be staffed by a State Board employee and operated at least 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. each day during the period from the first day mail-in absentee ballots are sent to voters through election day. Directs the State Board to establish a quick response barcode that can be scanned by a mobile phone and links to the State Board's webpage for frequently asked questions, and include the quick response barcode on mailings or voter guides produced by the State Board or county boards. Requires the State Board to include voter education information in its advising of county boards.

Amends GS 163-82.24 to require the State Board to include voter education information as described in GS 163-166.7A, as amended, in its training programs. Requires the State Board's certification of election officials to include voter education information as described in GS 163-166.7A, as amended.

Applies to elections held on or after October 1, 2021.

Intro. by Winslow, Dahle, Hawkins, Mills.

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Government, Elections, State Agencies, State Board of Elections, Local Government

ACTIONS ON BILLS

PUBLIC BILLS

H 73: TEMPORARILY DEFER ABC PERMIT RENEWAL FEES. (NEW)

House: Conf Com Appointed

H 86: INCREASE IN-SERVICE DEATH BENEFITS/LRS.

Senate: Regular Message Received From House

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

Senate: Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

H 142: UNC BUILDING RESERVES/CERTAIN PROJECTS.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Re-ref to Appropriations/Base Budget. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate

H 156: UNCLAIMED PROP. DIV. AMEND./DMV TECH CHNGS-AB. (NEW)

Senate: Passed 2nd Reading

Senate: Passed 3rd Reading

Senate: Ordered Enrolled

H 243: UNC LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES/COVID-19 IMPACTS.

Senate: Amend Adopted A1

Senate: Passed 2nd Reading

Senate: Passed 3rd Reading

Senate: Engrossed

H 252: VARIOUS RAISE THE AGE CHANGES/JJAC RECS.

Senate: Regular Message Received From House

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

Senate: Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

H 256: SMART SCH. BUS SAFETY PILOT/CERTAIN COUNTIES.

House: Serial Referral To Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House Stricken

House: Serial Referral To Appropriations Added

House: Serial Referral To Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House Added

H 279: COVID-19 RELATED TAX CHNGS/UI TECH CORRECT. (NEW)

Senate: Regular Message Received From House

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

Senate: Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Re-ref to Finance. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate

H 328: ALLOW TRADE OR EXCHANGE OF SPIRITUOUS LIQUOR.

Senate: Regular Message Received From House

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

Senate: Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

H 455: UNC BOG/LEGISLATIVE MEMBERS.

House: Serial Referral To State Government Stricken

House: Withdrawn From Com

House: Re-ref Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

H 489: 2021 BUILDING CODE AND DEV. REG. REFORM.

House: Withdrawn From Com

House: Re-ref to the Com on Finance, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

H 572: PROHIBIT PPE THAT EXCEEDS LAW.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref to the Com on Health, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

H 573: NC MEDICAID & SNAP PROGRAM INTEGRITY REFORM.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref to the Com on Health, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

H 574: REVISE CHILD CARE SUBSIDY RATES.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref to the Com on Families, Children, and Aging Policy, if favorable, Appropriations, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

H 575: VOLUNTEER RESCUE WORKER TAX CREDIT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref to the Com on Finance, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

H 576: MARIJUANA JUSTICE AND REINVESTMENT ACT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref To Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

H 577: UTILITIES CUSTOMERS' RIGHT OF REFUSAL ACT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref to the Com on Energy and Public Utilities, if favorable, Judiciary 1, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

H 578: CONCEALED CARRY/LAWFUL PURPOSE.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref to the Com on Judiciary 3, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

H 579: SCHOOL SELF-DEFENSE ACT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref to the Com on Education - K-12, if favorable, Judiciary 3, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

H 580: MY BODY, MY CHOICE MEDICAL PRIVACY ACT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref to the Com on Judiciary 2, if favorable, Health, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

H 581: DRIVERS LICENSE DESIGNATION/AUTISM.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref to the Com on Transportation, if favorable, Finance, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

H 582: CONFIRM GOVERNOR'S BUSINESS CT APPTS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref To Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

H 583: GIVE LGERS RETIREES 2% BONUS.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref to the Com on State Personnel, if favorable, Pensions and Retirement, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

H 584: VET. POSTTRAUMATIC STRESS/MITIGATING FACTOR.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref to the Com on Homeland Security, Military, and Veterans Affairs, if favorable, Judiciary 2, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

H 585: FAIL TO REPORT CRIME/PRIVILEGE EXEMPTION.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref to the Com on Judiciary 2, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

H 586: ALLOW PUBLIC EMPLOYEE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref To Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

H 587: THE COMPASSION, HEALING, ACCESS & RESPECT ACT.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref To Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

H 588: ESTABLISH NC TEXTILE MUSEUM.

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Ref to the Com on Appropriations, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

H 593: FORSYTH SENIOR SERVICES FACILITY FUNDS.

House: Filed

H 594: TRAVELING ANIMALS/PUB. SAFETY PROTECTION ACT.

House: Filed

H 595: HYGIENE PRODUCT SALES TAX EXEMPTION.

House: Filed

H 596: HEALTHY FAMILIES & WORKPLACES/PAID SICK DAYS.

House: Filed

H 597: NC PAID FAMILY LEAVE INSURANCE ACT.

House: Filed

H 598: RESTITUTION/SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF MINOR.

House: Filed

H 599: VETS/MIL. FREE ADMISSION STATE ATTRACTIONS.

House: Filed

H 600: CLARIFY OCCANEECHI BAND OF SAPONI NATION.

House: Filed

H 601: FUNDS/INDIAN AFFAIRS COMM. ASST DIRECTOR.

House: Filed

H 602: UNC LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES/HR/REPORTS.

House: Filed

H 603: STATE OF STATE.

House: Filed

H 604: REQUIRE SAFETY CALL/CHILD CARE FACILITIES.

House: Filed

H 605: VOTERS RIGHT TO KNOW ACT.

House: Filed

S 8: IN-STATE TUITION PILOT PROGRAM.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Re-ref to Education/Higher Education. If fav, re-ref to Appropriations/Base Budget. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate

S 99: CLARIFY LAW ON THEFT OF CATALYTIC CONVERTERS.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Re-ref to Judiciary. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate

S 201: E-SALVAGE EXPRESS.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Re-ref to Commerce and Insurance. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate

S 219: SURVEYOR LICENSURE/EDUCATION REQS.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Re-ref to Commerce and Insurance. If fav, re-ref to Judiciary. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate

S 345: PA - TEAM-BASED PRACTICE.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Re-ref to Health Care. If fav, re-ref to Commerce and Insurance. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate

S 361: AUTHORIZE ANIMAL SHELTER TRANSFERS.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Re-ref Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

S 372: ELECTRICAL CONTRACTING LICENSURE MODS.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Re-ref to Commerce and Insurance. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate

S 388: QUALIFYING FARMER ZOO SALES TAX EXEMPTION.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Re-ref to Finance. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate

S 473: ENHANCE LOCAL GOV'T TRANSPARENCY.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Re-ref to State and Local Government. If fav, re-ref to Judiciary. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate

S 586: STUDY LIPEDEMA.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Re-ref to Health Care. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate

S 660: REGULATE DISSEMINATION OF BOOKING PHOTOGRAPH.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Re-ref to Judiciary. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate

S 717: TAXPAYER BILL OF RIGHTS.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

Senate: Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

No local actions on bills

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